

6. (amended) An inflatable vest for administering CPR to a patient, the patient having a chest and said chest having an anterior surface, the inflatable vest comprising:

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a belt sized to circumferentially fit around the patient, the belt having a width to cover a substantial portion of the chest of the patient, said belt being substantially circumferentially inextensible when fitted around the patient; and

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a bladder attached to the belt, said bladder having a width and said bladder comprising:

a bottom-chest panel composed of an inextensible material that is adapted to cover at least a substantial portion of the anterior surface of the chest of the patient;

a top-belt panel composed of an inextensible material and sealed to the bottom-chest panel to form a gas tight bladder chamber having an opening to receive compressed gas;

wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-belt panel form a radially extensible bellows.

7. (amended) The vest of claim 6, wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-belt panel are made of nylon fabric double coated with polyurethane.

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12. (amended) An inflatable vest for administering CPR to a patient, the patient having a chest, the vest comprising:

a belt sized to circumferentially fit around the patient, said belt having a width to cover a substantial portion of the chest of the patient, said belt being substantially

circumferentially inelastic when fitted around the patient;
and

a bladder, attached to the belt, said bladder having a width,
said bladder comprising:

a bottom-chest panel composed of an inelastic material
that is adapted to cover at least a substantial
portion of the top of the chest of the patient; and

a top-belt panel composed of an inelastic material and
sealed to said bottom-chest panel to form a gas tight
bladder chamber having a opening to receive compressed
gas;

wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-chest panel
form a radially inelastically extensible bellows.

13. (amended) The vest of claim 12, wherein the bottom-chest
panel and the top-belt panel are made of nylon fabric double
coated with polyurethane.

15. (amended) An inflatable vest for administering CPR to a
patient, the patient having a thorax, the vest comprising:

a belt sized to circumferentially fit around the patient,
said belt having a width to cover the thorax of the
patient, said belt being substantially circumferentially
inextensible when fitted around the patient; and

a bladder, attached to the belt, said bladder having a width
greater than the width of the belt, said bladder
comprising:

a bottom-chest panel composed of an inextensible
material that is adapted to cover the thorax of the
patient;

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a top-belt panel composed of an inextensible material and sealed to said bottom-chest panel to form a gas tight bladder chamber having an opening to receive compressed gas;

wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-chest panel form a radially extensible bellows.

sub 18. (amended) An inflatable vest for administering CPR to a patient, the patient having a chest, said vest comprising:

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a belt sized to circumferentially fit around the patient, said belt having a width to cover a substantial portion of the chest of the patient, said belt being substantially circumferentially inextensible when fitted around the patient;

a detachable bladder, detachably attached to the belt, said bladder having a width, said bladder comprising:

a bottom-chest panel composed of an inextensible material that is adapted to cover at least a substantial portion of the top of the chest of the patient;

a top-belt panel composed of an inextensible material and sealed to said bottom-chest panel to form a gas tight bladder chamber having an opening to receive compressed gas;

wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-chest panel form a radially extensible bellows.

19. (amended) The vest of claim 18, wherein the bottom-chest panel and the top-belt panel are made of nylon fabric double coated with polyurethane.